

REMARKS

Claims 1-60 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claims 61-86 have been added and are currently pending.

Applicants have amended the specification by updating the proper cross referencing paragraphs to claim benefit to the priority date of May 22, 1992 for these claims.

No new matter has been added.

No additional fees are believed due. However, if any additional fees are necessary, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 14-1140.

Applicants believe these new claims 61-86 are patentable and in condition for allowance. These claims are supported in the specification, the Examples, and the original claims 1-60 as filed. More specifically, the claims are directed to a dry ultrasound contrast agent composition comprising, and methods of using, the dry formulation of claims 22-34 and 48-60, which were the claims pending in the immediate parent application U.S.S.N. 09/770,216.

Please see the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement.

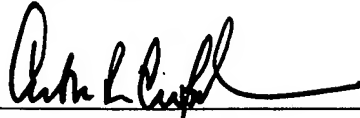
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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